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Woodham's sports hall has needed a new roof for several years. Leaks had become so bad that the hall could not be used in very wet weather. Staff and pupils have also not been able to make full use of the gymnasium due to a damaged ceiling. With both facilities needing urgent repairs, it has been difficult to deliver the National curriculum, although staff have worked hard to ensure students have not

Durham County Council are arranging the repairs and work will begin this month for completion by April. The school then plans to refurbish changing rooms and corridors within the sports area. As a result the town will have a much improved resource, used not only by the school but also by several local community

LETTER SNUB

As one of Santa's little helpers on the Christmas Eve Tour for 6 years, I must express my disappointment in School Aycliffe residents.

We visited Aycliffe Village, School Aycliffe and Byerley Park areas for some 4 hours in horrendous weather. Santa was soaked to the skin as he spoke to the children en-route and handed out sweets.

I wonder why, however, that the majority of School Aycliffe residents didn't even bother to come to the window to give Santa a wave? Were they all away for Christmas? High Barn Road and the little streets off it were a complete waste of time!

Only four people took the time to come to their doors to acknowledge we were there thankyou the Dale Kelly gang and the Martins, also the minority who waited patiently down Eastfields to offer support and a wee tot of warming whisky for Santa.

Come on folks, you're never too old to enter into the Christmas Spirit! How many Town Councils offer such a service to their townsfolk? Next Christmas I would like to think our efforts will be appreciated.

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ATHLETICS

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The course was extremely windy and very tough but Sue produced a lifetime best 28.50 over the four mile course.

A disappointing field devalued the fine performances of Aycliffe runners at the North Eastern XC championships. Only 230 athletes turned out on a fine December day which was hardly representative of the whole of the area.

Club Captain Ian Monkman lec the way in 41st with Mick Brunskill 66th around the 4 lap course through a foot of silage each time in the farmyard. Colin Gibson was next, 85th shadowed by Peter Milburn 94th, John Burnside 173rd. Richard Harvey 193rd and the determined John Armstrong

In the ladies race Sue milburn was not in such prolific form this week, starting well enough but losing her shoe just after the silage, which refused to go back on her foot. By this time most of the field having past her, Sue decided to call it a day.

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OLD SOLDIER

On Saturday the December 1997, one of the town's faithful Old Soldiers faded away at the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

Ex Warrant Officer John Mattinson, Durham Light Infantry Parachute Regiment, who lived at 62 Mellanby Crescent, Newton Aycliffe for

many years passed away. John joined the Durham Light Infantry at Fenham Barracks Newcastle in the early 1930s. After basic training he was posted to the 2nd Battalion The Durham Light Infantry in India. After, two years he then set sail from Bombay to join the 1st Battalion in China. He remained there till the



outbreak of the 2nd World War. Still He was posted to the 8th Army in North Africa, and from there to Malta and was on the Island during the German blockade. It wasthere he trained as a parachutist.

When the battle for the Mediterranean was won and the Island of Malta freed he returned to serve again with the fifth Army in North Africa and Europe before returning to England to train for D Day and the big airborne assault on Europe

He fought with the Airborne Force through France, Belgium, Holland and into Germany. On crossing the River Rhine he was wounded in the leg and was repatriated to recover.

In peace time he served in Greece with the Durham Light Infantry, then served in Palestine with the Palestine Police. On returning to the U.K. he was posted to the King's Shropshire Light Infantry in London on public duty at Buckingham Palace, the Bank of England, the Royal Mint and Kensington Palace.

He went back to the Parachute Regiment before returning to his beloved Durham Light Infantry for the Korean War. At the end of that war he was posted to the Suez Canal...

In 1955 he returned to England but returned in 1956 for the Suez Crisis and was posted to Aden. In 1957 he served in Cyprus during the E.O.K.A. troubles. In 1958 he returned to England for the last time to take up a post at Darlington Recruiting Office in North

At that time he moved his family to Newton Aycliffe and adopted it as his home town remaining here for the rest of his service life, and most of his civilian life, except for the last four years which he spent in the Chelsea Pensioners.

On leaving the army he joined the Corps of Commissionaires and was Chief of Security at Torringtons.

John was a member of Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, Newton Aycliffe Workingmen's Club and the Darlington and Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Durham Light Infantry/Light Infantry Association MAY HE REST IN PEACE

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LONG SERVING FIRE STATION

Former Sub Officer Gordon Hall of Newton Aycliffe Fire Station sadly passed away just before Christmas.

Many Newtonians would not know Gordon by name only as the man in charge of Aycliffe Fire Station for the last 37 years, which attended hundreds of incidents on the

He came when the station

opened in 1960 and served most of his time here. We joined and served together for most of our Fire Service career and Gordon was a brilliant fireman - a good family man and a very good friend to all who know him. He will be sadly missed by all and we extend our deepest sympathy to Elsie and the lads

From the Original Crew

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Teachers' **Thanks**

Mrs Patricia Henderson and all staff at Woodham Burn Infants School would like to thank the children and parents for their kind gifts and seasons greetings. We wish all of our families

and the people of Newton Aycliffe a healthy, happy and peaceful 1998

There will be a Family Service at St Clare's Church on Sunday 11th January, commencing 10.30am. The theme for this months service is "The Kingdom of God".

A warm welcome is extended to all, but especially young families, to come and share in the this short informal all-age service.

in the hall afterwards to which everyone is invited.

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School Service Raised £300

Children of Stephenson Way School took part in a Christingle Service at St Clares Church on Monday 15th December led by the Revd Bill

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On Sunday 21st December 1997 Amii Hutchinson of Newton Aycliffe and her cousin Nicholas Livadas were fortunate to be ball girl and ball boy for the FA Premier League game of Newcastle United v Manchester United at St James

Both are seen pictured alongside the pitch, Amii

appeared on Sky TV in the first few minutes of the game passing the ball to Keith Gillespie for a throw-in during one of Newcastle's early attacks. After the game they met most of the players for autographs and some photographs, with her favourite taken with David

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an environmental engineering student 1 will also be teaching conservation of essential things like water supplies and basic agriculture. As the 7 month post is voluntary I am appealing to the the people of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas to help me in my last push for funds. After raising £2000, 1 am still around £500 short and with the first school expecting me in the next week or so, it is looking likely they will have to wait longer.

I have been donated some superb prizes from local companies and 1 appeal to every person who reads this message to give me a call and help me sell the last of my raffle tickets. BT telephones, a Sony PlayStation and a VIP Cruise are just some of the prizes up for grabs.

Please give me call now on Aycliffe 318623 now and 1 will be only too happy to pop round with a a couple of books of tickets to your work place

A special thanks to Darlington Lions Club, Hydro Polymers and Midland Bank for their sponsorship so far and to the Huntsman and JR Videos in Aycliffe and the Tap & Spile in Darlington for their continuing support in selling tickets.

I have the prizes but-I cannot sell the tickets on my own. I desperately need your help. John Lawler

joyable

On behalf of the Senior Citizens of Aycliffe Village may I express appreciation for the most enjoyable Xmas Party given byDot and Peter of the Royal Telegraph.

Thanks also to the members of the Leek Club who work all year to make the party possible.

Not forgetting all thestaff who served a beautiful meal. Our sincere thanks, Don & Lil Smith

Best Salon in the North



Emmanais Beauty Salon, based at Redworth Hall, County Durham has won the Collagen Customer Care Award 1997 regional prize for the best salon in Scotland and the North. Emmanais Beauty Salon, which is managed by Marie Green was opened five years ago at Redworth Hall Hotel. Formally a PA, Marie gave up work to look after her children and to work on a voluntary basis for local charities, but she always had a keen interest in the beauty business.

After training at her local college Marie qualified as a beautician and says that it was being able to help people change the way that they feel about themselves, as well as how they look that first attracted her to a new career in the beauty business. Now Emmanais works to the motto "looking good and feeling great", a statement which obviously works with Marie's customers who have voted her service as the best in

Woodham Golf Club's **Tenth Anniversary**



The Seniors Section of the Woodham Golf Club celebrated their tenth anniversary in the club restaurant recently with a four course banquet followed by the annual presentation of awards to the members. Two in particular deserve special mention having won between them some eight trophies: Alan Weston and Joe Brazier When the section was first formed it consisted of around a dozer or so players, now there are some fifty members, most of whom are actively enjoying the courtesy of the tee every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Yet the section goes from strength to strength, it's success must initially be attributed to the original founder, another local golfer, Ray Belshaw.

It gave the committee great pleasure therefore in acknowledging the success of the venture by presenting a framed certificate to Ray to mark this special occasion. The presentation was carried out jointly by Chairman Alan Clement and retiring Captain Jack Harness. Photograph shows Jack Harness and Ray.

COULD HELP THE AGED?

Assistance is needed by "Help the Aged" in Durham and we are appealing for new members to join our fund raising committee.

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If you could spare a few hours per month to join our committee please contact Peter Beaty on 313924 after

Santa Apologises for Sleigh Breakdown

May I, through the Newton News, apologise for Christmas Eve, when due to unforeseen circumstances with my "sleigh" I had to finish touring part of the town by car.

The weather was also unkind to me on my journey and not all areas were able to be visited, however, I hope this did not spoil your Christmas

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all my devoted helpers who battled the elements in order to help me on my journey.

May I wish everyone a very prosperous and happy new year and I hope to see you all next Christmas Eve. Best wishes

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Further to the letter in last weeks edition by the careful dog owner regarding dog fouling and children playing on the large green at Shafto Way.

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up any "mess" that their dogs leave behind.

Unfortunately, this careful dog owner is an exception rather than the rule judging by the "mess" that is left behind. This problem is more noticeable at this time of year as the grass is not cut and the "mess" is just left to be washed away by the rain.

I feel that careful is the wrong word to use in this situation and should be replaced with responsible, as a dog owner that does not clear up after their pet is clearly not responsible.

Perhaps there should be special bins on the green, as there are on other popular dog exercising routes in the town. This will help encourage responsible dog ownership. Having two young children who enjoy playing football on the green it would be nice not to have to check their shoes and clothes afterwards!

In response to the second point about the green being suitable for golf practice, it is not! The green is surrounded on two sides by houses and on the other two sides by roads that are quite busy until late evening.

Houses have been hit by golf balls, with many near misses to cars both on and off the road. This is to say nothing of the risks to other users of the green (including people exercising their dogs) of being caused injury from a flying golf ball.

Golf can be a dangerous game and the Council provide a driving range for golf practice in a safe environment, so please do not encourage people to practice golf on the greens. Yours

Concerned green user and resident.

Unlit Cycles Cause Danger

Dear Sir

The three gentlemen from Blyth killed on their bicycles were wearing safety helmets and had reflector lights which meant that people were fully aware of where they were, but the accident still occurred, Keeping this incident in mind

I would like to express my anger at people riding bicycles around Newton Aycliffe early in the morning when it is still dark without any protection. This disgusts me as if there were to be an accident (God forbid) then WHO WOULD GET THE BLAME?

I am very concerned that there is nothing done about these people, do they have a brain? Do they not understand the consequences of their idiotic actions? Do they realise how much they frighten the drivers? May I also point out that there is also the cyclist who thinks riding on public footpaths without helmets and reflector lights is OK, but is it? Do they not have to cross roads and what about the pedestrians? I wish people would realise that they could cause a very serious accident.

Yours sincerely Name and Address supplied

Millennium Fund off to a Good Start

Dear Sir

Firstly may I thank you so much for all the publicity you have given to the Heighington Millenium Committee. It has been a great boost. So far we have got off to a good start and raised just over £300.

The first Family Disco was a

huge success, enjoyed by many local families. We are hoping that our 2nd Family Disco on 9th January will be just as well attended (from 7.30-10.30pm, adults £1.50, children 50p). Refreshments will be available adults may bring along their own table drinks.

For further information or tickets Tel 317219 or 313903 John McGuckin (Chairman)

Gardens Guild

The Gardens Guild Sales Hut will be open Sunday 11th and Sunday 18th January from 10am to 12 noon.

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Santa Tour Success Despite Weather



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The generosity shown to Santa was overwhelming, Santa had to make sure that he didn't drink too much of the kind offerings from Mums and Dads. When Santa had finished his whirlwind trip, he returned to the Council Officers. There he spent some time with the reindeer.

Santa was pleased to be able to share the gifts with the reindeer that he had received from the generous towns people - there were carrots, mince pies, milk, biscuits and lots more. At one stage of the tour Santa

had to travel in a white Ford Escort motor car, this was unfortunately due to a mechanical failure. The Town council is sorry this upset anybody and it promises next year there will be a stand-by vehicle to transport Santa in the event of a breakdown.

Any comments regarding the tours will be gratefully received by the council on 300700 Thank you

Thank you Cllr. Martyn D. Locklin



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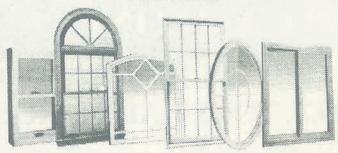
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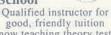
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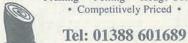
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and Robert
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MADDISON, Samantha 12-1-94. A ray of sunshine in my heart. But all too soon we had to part. Loved and never forgotten, Ever loving

MADDISON, Samantha 12-1-94. Forever in our thoughts Samantha, most of all today. All our love, Aunty Eleanor, Uncle Barrie, Shaun and Sarah KEN BODDY (11th January 1997) One year today you were taken from us, a loving husband and dad, grandad and father-in-law. We shared so much together and never were apart. Love and memories are priceless and we have so many it's true we talk about them often, because we though the world of you. Loving wife Gladys, son Kenneth, daughters Christine and Carol, son-in-laws Allan and Eddie, grandchildren Edward, Claire, Louise, Paul and David

ROGERSON - Suddenly at Bishop Auckland on Saturday 20th December. Robert of Newton Aycliffe (formerly of The Royston, Penrith) dearly loved husband of the late Nellie, dearest father and father-in-law of John, Heather, Gary and Caroline and a much loved grandad, great grandad and brother. Aged 69 years.

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TOM MOORE

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Though you're no longer with us, We think of you every day, Wishing and longing with all our hearts, You hadn't gone away.

Loving wife Lil and family

GEORGE HESLOP, 6th January 1977 (Stocks Green). In loving memory of my dear husband George. Your presence 1 miss, your memories I treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never. Your loving wife Alice, daughter Maureen, son Ken, daughter-in-law Jan and grandchildren

SYLVIA BOURNE 6-1-96. Treasured memories of a dear wife and loving Mam and Nana, always in our thoughts. Sadly missed, husband Harry,

daughter Angela, granddaughter Rachael MIKE COPPARD Died 1-1-96. Gone but never forgotten, Margaret X

PARKER DOUGLAS Died 30th December 1988. Loved and remembered always by wife Irene and all the family BILL GATENBY 13th January 1990. Though of quietly every day by wife Mary and family

CYRIL HOUSE Died 2nd January 1995. Always missed and always in my thoughts, your loving wife Doris

EDDIE BURRELL

Treasured memories of a dear brother, you are not just a memory or part of the past, you are ours to remember as long as life lasts. God bless, sisters Mena, Jenny, Theresa, Sophia and brother Steve

Birthday Remembrance

KING Sharon Elizabeth -December 29th. Sharon no matter how our lives may change, no matter what we do. we won't forget those precious years the ones we spent with you. Auntie Agnes, Uncle Geordie and family

GLADYS REAY 3rd January. In the garden of remembrance Mum, is a plaque that bears your name, but that is not where you lie, in Ireland you remain. We brought you back to be with your Mum and Dad cos we knew you'd be glad, but it's not about where you lay because although we cannot see you, you are with us every day. For the love you gave to us in life, death cannot take away. Always loved from Agnes Geordie, grandchildren and great

grandchildren
MATHEW PURVIS 27th December. Gone from our sights, but not from our hearts, thinking of you always, love Elizabeth, Mathew, David, Margaret, Audrey and families ALBERT ALLINSON Remembering a much loved and missed father and fatherin-law today, his birthday, 10th January, God bless Dad, Pauline and Allan XX

FREDA HORDON (Jan 8th) To a special person on her 60th birthday, what a party that would have been. I'll have a drink for you Mam (Sherry). Still love and miss you, Marie and Dave XX

TRACEY SALKELD Happy birthday 17-1-65. No cards or presents to give, just happy memories of birthdays gone by. Missing you always, love

Mam and Pete XX LINDA HENDERSON 14th January, remembering you on your birthday and always, love from all the family JIM BURNS 4-1-33. To a

loving husband and Dad on your 65th birthday, we miss you and love you as always, Norma and Susan XX

JIM BURNS 4-1-33. To a special dad and grandad on your 65th birthday, love always, Gillian, Peter, Michael and Mason XXX

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FREDA & JOHN JONES Would like to thank everyone who attended and helped with their New Years Dance, everyone had a wonderful time and raised £300 - all proceeds to the Youth Centre Thank You

GRATEFUL Thanks to the kind lady in the Gilpin Court area who took in my dog and called the RSPCA on Christmas Eve

THANK YOU to our family and friends for the cards, pressies and good wishes on our engagement. See you at the Wedding, love from Julie and Michael

THANKS Marian and Sheena (Lollipop Ladies). Would like to thank the children and their parents of Sugar Hill school for all the presents and cards received. Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year

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OBITUARY

DEATH OF CURATE SHOCKS PARISHIONERS

We regret to announce the sudden death of Yvonne Fife on New Years Day, Yvonne was a Deacon in the Great Aycliffe Team Ministry.

Her funeral and requien Eucharist will be held at the Church of St Clare's, Newton Aycliffe on Monday 12th January at 10am with participation by the Bishops of Durham and Jarrow.

Family flowers only: donations to Diocesan Ordinands Fund.

Clergy are invited to robe (purple stole). For further details Tel 313613

Yvonne was a unique woman whose life journey was long, complex, sometimes painful, but in the end happy and fulfilled as a deacon in the Church of England.

Roman Catholic nun, Anglican clergywoman; she is greatly missed by her mother Dorothy, her family and friends across the North East and beyond.

Yvonne was a "Byker lass" and talked with affection of growing up in a traditional Roman Catholic Geordie home. Beneath her educated exterior, this unpompous, nononsense and sometimes mischievously rebellious character never disappeared. It helped to make her so approachable.

Her spiritual journey included some time as a Roman Catholic nun, a way of life she left to return to Newcastle to care for her mother. She spent the next 15 years working in the personnel department of Dunlop. But Yvonne's obedience to God's call and her courage and sense of adventure were not to be suppressed and as part of her deepening faith she went to

Plater College, Oxford for two years study, followed by a degree at Durham in anthropology

anthropology.
This was a decisive break in many ways, for her next job was as a lay worker for the Benedict Biscop project, acting as liaison between church work in Sunderland and the Diocese of Oxford.

She was equally at home in the fish and chippie near her tower block flat or in an Oxford study. It was during this time, worshipping and working at St Peter's, Monkwearmouth, that she finally decided to act on her convictions and make the formal move to reception into the Church of England.

Yvonne began to test her call to the Anglican priesthood and was warmly supported by the Church and began two years of training at Cranmer Hall, Durham.

Here she was known as "Nunny" and was deeply loved and trusted by the community. We miss her infectious and irrepressible giggle. She had a good mind and after finishing her diploma started a course to convert this to a full degree. On Sunday 28th September 1997 she was ordained Deacon. She was o happy and

at home in Newton Aycliffe where she was a curate. She would bounce back into college, all too often arriving in a hearse having just conducted a funeral, sharing her enthusiasm for ministry. So it is with very mixed feelings that we say farewell, devastated by the sudden loss of a special colleague and friend, but also full of joy for Yvonne, that she has truly found herself at home

Alan Bartlett Cranmer Hall, Durham

DANCE TEAM TAKES 1st PLACE



Stepping Out Dance Schoolof Spennymoor, which includes children from Newton Aycliffe, represented our area in a recent IDTA Championship and took first place in the Under 12 Team Section. Further details from Clare Walton on 01388 420809.

NEW FITNESS CENTRE OPENED BY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Sedgefield Borough Leisure Services is to launch its second major partnership with Competition Line when the Spennymoor Lifestyle Fitness Suite is opened on 2nd February.

The Lifestyle Suite will consist of 61 pieces of equipment such as Rowers, Joggers, Steppers and Bikes with the remainder of the suite made up of a tremendous range of resistance machines. With full air-conditioning and Cardio Theatre Satellite TV the quite will prove to be one of the finest in the UK.

The total investment in this facility based at Spennymoor Leisure Centre including equipment and construction is in excess of £200,000 and according to our private sector partners the facility will be the biggest Fitness Suite outside of London.

With low monthly membership, no joining fee and extensive opening times it is now within everyone grasp to benefit from a top class facility and everyone who takes out membership of the suite will receive a free T-shirt

Sedgefield Borough Leisure Services and Competition Line are confident the Suite will provide an excellent training facility for every level of customer.

For further information on Lifestyle at Spennymoor Leisure Centre please contact 01388 815827

Xmas Raffle

St. Joseph's Grand Christmas Draw was made on 21st December and the following numbers won prizes: 1095, 3560, 89, 556, 57, 1462, 1088, 2796, 3175, 2428, 1158, 3726, 1316, 3976, 135, 1586, 1247, 1660, 3224.

Thanks to all who supported the draw.

Perstorp & Blenheim Help Youth Football

Newton Aycliffe Y.A.F.C. are going all out to raise funds to help juniors in the game of football. As previously printed junior football is where it all starts.

The club has sent 42 letters out to companies in the area asking if they were willing to sponsor the youngsters. The club has only received eight replies of which two have given generous donations. A big thank you to both Perstorp Warerite and Blenheim Furniture.

The club has to raise its own funds to combat extra expenses so the club is holding a Race Night. This is to be held on Thursday 29th January, race gates open at 7.30pm so get yourselves along and make a bet on the future of football for the juniors in Newton Aycliffe.

There will be 8 races, the 9th being the auction race and guess what up for grabs. The last race 8 horses will be up for auction and the winner will receive a signed framed Andy Cole shirt, who knows this framed shirt could be hanging on your wall. If anyone would like to make a bid for a horse early, the bids start at £15 contact Keith on 318731 or Brian 316269.

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